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Mike/David –

Thought you might find the following of interest in a White House Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) released yesterday regarding the issue that Kyle Lombardi in Congressman Kevin McCarthy's office brought up to you on our call yesterday regarding our thoughts on proposed legislative language on aquifer exemptions in EPA's budget bill (**H.R. 5538**) and whether we had any opinion. Looks like the Administration (and EPA) now has an opinion. **The aquifer exemption language below is on page 8 of this attached SAP.**

Aquifer Exemptions. The Administration strongly opposes language in the bill under the heading "Administrative Provisions—Environmental Protection Agency," which would preclude EPA from revising its regulatory criteria for aquifer exemptions involving underground injection. This provision is in conflict with existing EPA regulations and guidance, and would cause results inconsistent with the intent of the Safe Drinking Water Act by preventing EPA from being able to protect some underground sources of drinking water.

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